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Applicant : David A. Wright et al.

Art Unit : 1638

Serial No. : 09/965,553

Examiner : Ashwin Mehta

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicants ask that the claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 5 pages.

Enclosed is a \$55 check for a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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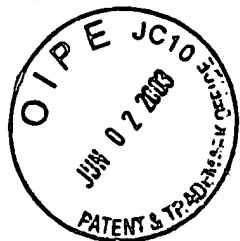
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The following documents relating to this application are enclosed.

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);
3. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
4. Check in the amount of \$55 for Petition for Extension of Time; and
5. Postcard.

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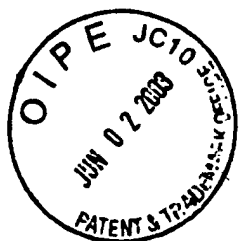
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 25, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group IV, claims 49-56, 60, 69-72, 77, 78, and 108. Applicants note that claim 108 was incorrectly assigned new claim number 109 in the Restriction Requirement. This requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit that the claims are directed toward the nucleic acids encoding the components of a retroelement. Therefore, a search of one of the nucleic acids would result in a search of one or more of the other claimed nucleic acids. Applicants submit that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search the claimed nucleic acids. Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn.

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